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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO WASHINGTON

1. PRIME MINISTER MAPHEVU INFORMED ME THAT HE WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO TAIWAN AUGUST 23-28 FOLLOWING THE COLOMBO SUMMIT. HE WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO SWAZILAND BY WASHINGTON AND WILL SEEK KING SOBHUZA'S APPROVAL TO DO SO. PRIME MINISTER INDICATED THAT HE WANTED TO VISIT WASHINGTON TO CONSULT WITH GOS AMBASSADOR AND OTHER SWAZI EMBASSY OFFICIALS. I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER TO KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED ABOUT HIS TRAVEL PLANS TO WASHINGTON.

2. COMMENT: IF THE PRIME MINISTER VISITS WASHINGTON, RECOMMEND MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY, SENATOR CLARK AND CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. GOS LEADERSHIP STRONGLY PRO-U.S. AND HAVE CONSISTENTLY AND FIRMLY SUPPORTED US ON CRITICAL UN ISSUES. SWAZILAND

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AS SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRY BORDERING MARXIST-ORIENTED MOZAMBIQUE AND APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA, FEELS INSECURE AND ITS LEADERS NEED HIGH LEVEL REASSURANCE OF U.S. RESOLVE TO (A) WORK FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE AND (B) COUNTER SOVIET AND CUBAN INFLUENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

ALSO HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES IN WASHINGTON WOULD (A) SHOW OUR APPRECIATION FOR SWAZI UN SUPPORT, (B) HELP FULFILL OUR LUSAKA

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